liant career only a few years since. We first find Mr. Hunter, soon after graduating at College, with the first honors, and a a noble sailor. classic and finished education, a practising Lawyer, and in public life in the Legislature of Virginia, enjoying the distinguished cognomen of "the star of the Rappahannock"a star destined to shine most brightly and with national lustre. We, again, soon find him, not only in the National Legislature, ere he had hardly attained the legal age to elevated to the chair, and the only drawbacks were his inherent modesty, and diffidence of his own great abilities, and indifference to high position, which if he did not decline, he certainly never sought. We soon find him again transferred from the House of Representatives, "with all his blushing honors fresh upon him" to the United States Senate, and Chairman of one of the most important Committees of that august body, and wielding an influence and enjoying a popularity, second to no statesman who has ever been a member thereof. We now find him enjoying the proud dis-

compeers who started with him in his bril-

tinction of being not only the first man in the Old Dominion, by large odds, but the first in the South, first in the North, equal to any in the Senate, among a constellation of states tion for the next Presidency, enjoying, as he all he bought. does, the confidence of all men and all sections of our vast Confederacy, and without an enemy on earth. His splendid administrative talents, and superior ability, are unquestionable, and in his long career of statesmanship and usefulness, such has been the purity of his life, that the voice of slander has never reached him to traduce his fair fame, or attribute the least suspicion of sinister, treacherous or censurable motive to Hence, his elevation to the Presidency with all his qualifications and boundless and those easy gradations and promotions so natural to one who has never been disappointed in any aspiration, or defeated for any position his friends wished him to attain, and who has always been propelled forward in his pelitical career by an invincible popular current impossible to resist.

As the North has had the last three Presidents, the South or the West is now certainly entitled to one, and the principal competitors in the Charleston Convention must be Senator Hunter, and the youthful and gifted Vice President, Breckinridge; and as the latter is so young, his claims will, in all probability. be deferred to those of his senior competitor. HUDSON.

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FIRST MONTH. JANUARY.		sts.				MOON'S PHASES.				
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5	Wednesday	7	18	4	42	New 4	12	28 M.		
6	Thursday	7	17	4	42	First qr12	2	6 м.		
7	Friday	7	18	4	43	Ful!18	6	30 E.		
8	Saturday	7	17	+	43	Last gr25	3	25 E.		
9	Sunday	7	16	4	41	HIGH W	HGH WATER.			
10	Monday	7	16	1	44	JANUARY 4.	_h	-m		

### MARINE LIST. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-JANUARY 3.

MEMORANDA. Schrs. Fleetwood, Burr, for this port, and D. W.

Vaughn, Gifford, for Georgetown, cl'd at New York, 31st ult. Schr. Restless, Smith, for Georgetown, cl'd at Savannah, 31st ult.

BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION, ) Alexandria, Dec. 31, 1858. TIME President and Directors of this Bank, have

this day declared a dividend of three-and-a half per cent, nett, for the past six months, payable to the Stockholders, on and after the 15th instant. the Bank paying the bonus to the State, and State tax. JAS. McKENZIE, Cashier. jan 4-eet15Jan DIANO TUNING .- Mr. B. F. DENNIS from

Chickering & Sons, Hallet, Davis & Co., and formerly with R. Davis, Washington, also, Tuner to Thallourg, will attend to tuning and repairing PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS, and all kinds of musical instruments. All work left at No. 3, Exchange Block, King-street, Alexandria,

M ONEY SAVED.—DENNIS'S Excelsion
Piano Forte and Furniture Polish, for polishing Pianos, Furniture, Coaches. Frames, Patent Leather, &c.: any one can use it. The application is simple, producing a beautiful lustre to anything susceptible of a ponsn.
Store, No. 3, Exchange Block.
B. F. DENNIS. susceptible of a polish. Call at the New Musi-

SPLENDID PIANO.—Call and hear the splenodid Piano from William Knabe & Co.'s celebra-ted Factory, on Exhibition at the New Music Store, No. 3, Exchange Block. Others of the same make will be in store shortly of different pri-[jan 4] B. F. DENNIS.

BURNETT'S COCOAINE and Kaliston's, White's Inimitable Dentine, Glenn's Verbena, Rose, Geranium, and Lavender Waters, just re-ceived, and for sale by J. WM. BOWLING, corner of Fairfax and Prince-sts. DRESS GOODS AT COST.-Wishing to re-

duce our stock, we will sell rich French Mouslins, French Merinocs, all colors, Poil De Chevirs; also, a beautiful assortment of Fancy Chevirs; also, a
Dress Silks at cost.
ion 4 TAYLOR & HUTCHISON.

SERVANTS FOR HIRE.—Two likely WO-MEN, accustomed to house work, and a young MAN, a first rate farm hand, for hire. Apply to the subscriber, at Bush Hill, Fairfax County, Va. VIRGINIA SCOTT.

COAL OIL, Ethereal and Pine Oil, on hand, and for sale low, by
J. WILLIAM BOWLING, jan 4 No. 62, corner of Fairfax and Prince-sts. VOCAL MUSIC.—Instruction in Vocal Music

jan 4 DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the Alexandria Water Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent, payable to the TIWO COOKS AND TWO WASHERWOMEN. stockholders, on and after the 5th inst. EDW. S. HOUGH, Treasurer.

The Home Squadron. THE NEW FLAG OFFICER .- The New York Herald gives the follow sketch of Capt Mc-

Cluney's life and services: Captain William J. McCluney, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed commander of the Home Squadron, in place of Commodore Me-Intosh, who, on account of ill health, has

been recalled, at his own request. since 1812, this being his forty-sixth year. He participated in the renowned engagement | made many warm friends, gaining the combetween the Wasp and the Frolic, as a lieutenant on board the Wasp, and contributed much by his brayery to the memorable victory of our flag on that occasion. His present commission is dated Oct. 13, 1851. He has, therefore, been a captain seven years .-During this he has performed about four years of sea service. Since he entered the navy he has performed twenty years of sea difficulty with Governor Bowling, in which he streamously defended the rights of the seavens' wenderful steam battery at Hoboken .-

He was actively engaged throughout the Mexican war, and distinguished himself in ed, at the time of the appointment of Com. been appointed, and he was supposed to have elevation far above and beyond any of his a fair chance for the honor at that time .-Among those who know him, he is esteemed for his manly qualities, his generosity and benevolence, and all the virtues that become

Alleged Case of Swindling. A letter from Rockingham, Va., to the Richmond Dispatch, announces the arrest of a member of the Senate of Virginia, charged with swindling the citizens and banks of Staunton, out of several thousand dollars .enter it, but the presiding officer and Speaker He has given a mortgage of his property, thereof, and one of the most youthful ever valued at \$70,000, to meet his indebtedness. The letter adds:-" The affair has caused the greatest excitement throughout the county. He has represented the district composed of Rockingham and Pendleton counties, for the last eight or ten years, and there was some talk of running him for Congress. We hear some talk that there will be other developments made, but will say nothing of them till out. His wife accompanied him to prison, and remained there with bim. She also accompanied him to Staunton, and seems determined to stand by him to the last.'

[The Richmond papers of last evening contain nothing further in relation to the above -the arrest of Mr. Geo. E. Deneale. It is said that the money difficulties in which he is | Family are in limited request, at above quotations. involved, were brought on by dealing too for the nomination of the Charleston Conven- largely in Cattle, he not being able to pay for receipts by Railroad yesterday were very light, the

### Mt Vernon Fund.

Mrs. M. A. Comeygs, who was lately apwinted Vice Regent, for Delaware, of the Mount Vernon Association, has been so successful in obtaining contributions that it is predicted by some that Delaware will make a arger donation than any other State, taking

Michigan, is just entering upon her duties, there is a good demand. We quote 686270c., but and makes a most favorable report of the feeling in that State towards the Mount Vernon enterprise.

The afternoon performance at Laura Keen's New York Theatre, on Wednesday last, realized the sum of \$500 to the Mount Vernon

### Ship Building in 1858. The New York Courier and Enquirer, gives

the following tables:

**	NO. 100 CO. 10
	Description of vessels built in 1858:
	Ships and Barks
	Bries 45
	Schooners
	Sloops and smaller crait
	Steamers226
	Total number built

The city marriage license clerk of Washington, D. C., issued during the year just past, 949 "hymenial permits." The smallest number in any given month was issued in March, 43; and the greatest number in Octo-

DIED. In Alexandria, on Friday night, the 31st ult., SOPHIA, wife of Albert Ega. In Georgetown, (D. C.,) on Friday, the 31st ul

timo, after a long and painful illness, VINCENT J. TAYLOR, in the 47th year of his age. He was esteemed and beloved by all who knew him .-May be rest in peace! In Baltimore, on the 29th of Pecember, RO

SALIA TERESEA, infant daughter of John and Lavinia Gallegher. On the 31st of December, at her residence in

Prince William County, Virginia, Mrs. AMINTA ELIZABETH MOXLEY, in the 32nd year of her TARESH SUPPLY .- We are now receiving from New York, and have in store the following GOODS, to which we invite the attention of the

trade 15 hhds. New Crop New Orleans Sugars 50 bbls, Crushed and Refined

10 hhds, Muscovado Molasses

25 bbls, prime New Crop New Orleans do " Golden Syrup 80 bags Rio Coffee

Java, Maricabo, and Cape Coffee 75 boxes Adamantine Candles 65 half chests Gunpowder and Black Teas

10 tierces Cider Vinegar fresh Rice 16 casks Sup Carb Soda 100 bags Shot, assorted numbers

75 nests Cedar Tubs. J. H. McVEIGH & SON. Prince-street Wharf. MOUNT VERNON PAPERS, No. 3, by the

M Hon, Edward Everett—(ready this morning.) at FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot. This s decidedly one of the best numbers of the New York Ledger ever issued. The Tribune Almanae and Political Register for 1859, price 13e. This is one of most useful little

books in the country. Frank Leslie's Budget of Fun for February, 6c. The Comic Boquet for January, 10c.
The Chess Monthly for January, edited by Paul
Morphey and Daniel W. Fiske, 28c.

A fine assortment of Diaries for 1859, various izes, styles, and prices. Harper's Weekly, Leslie, Mercury, Line-of-Bat-Flag, Pictorial, London Illustrated News.

Punch, Herald, Tribune, and all the new Papers Magazines, Books, Reviews, &c. FOR SALE. - A negro MAN, about forty years old, a first rate farm hand, and no better ploughman, wagoner, cartman, or hand with horses in the State-rather old for the Southern market, and will be sold a bargain, for cash, or negotiable paper, the owner having no further use for him. He is a servant of good character. Apply for any further information to ROBERT C. BRASHEAR, esq. or Capt. GEORGE H. PAD-GETT, West End. Alexandria, where the negro

jan 4--6t can be seen. And cultivation of the voice, given by Mr. B. F. DENNIS, in clases or private. Orders left at No. 3. Exchange Block, King-st. jan 4

OTICE.—All persons indebted to us will please come forward and settle their accounts without delay. The bills will be found ready at our out delay. The bills will be found ready at our S. & W. MEYENBERG. desk.

wanted immediately. Apply to dec 22—dtf MRS. M. V. MADDOX. dec 22-dtf

## BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAILS.

DEATH OF A COLPORTEUR.—Mr. R. S. Jones an amiable and pious young man, who has been in Petersburg for a month past as an agent for the Baptist Colportage in Virginia, died of consumption on Friday night last. The deceased had been acting, previous to een recalled, at his own request.

Captain McCluney has been in the service

Colporteur in Culpeper and in Richmond. where he was at all times kindly greeted, and pletest confidence of his employers.-Peters-

> Mr. James Brown .- We regretted to hear on Sunday night, that this old and well-known citizen was in danger of death. Some days ago Mr. Brown was badly wounded in the foot, by a locomotive, lacerating it so severely that it seems mortification had set in and all hope had fled. Mr. Brown was a prominent citizen of Richmond, and for many years had been second State Auditor.—Rich, Eugr.

> FENCEDIN .- By a late decision of the Court of Appeals, as we understand, Messrs. Warwick & Barksdale have gained a title to about two-thirds of 12th street South of Carv, and North of Canal, and on Saturday last took posssion and fenced it in: so that there is now barely enough room for one vehicle to pass along 12th, from Cary to Canal .- Richmond

> During the month of December last, uine number of men employed in them ninety-nine.

### COMMERCIAL. PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

FROM CARS, VESSELS, AND WAGON, FLOUR, Super	00	(a)	80	00
Do Extra 5	75	60	6	00
Do Family 7	0.0	(0)	8	00
WHEAT, White 1	25	(a)	1	30
Do Red 1	15	(a)	1	20
CORN. White 0	80	(cc	- 0	85
Do Mixed 0	80	(iii	- 0	Sa
Do Yellow, (new) 0	0.0	Ca.	0	0.0
CORN MEAL, P bushel 0	75	(a	- 0	82
OATS 0	40	(ac	0	42
RYE 0	68	60	0	70
CLOVER SEED. (retail) 0	25	60	0	0.0
TIMOTHY SEED 6	25	60	2	0.0
FLANSEED 1	30	(in	0	00
Sunac, P hundred 1	25	60	0	00
PLASTER, Lump, retail, delivered	100	9		
on Cars 4	25	6	4	50
Do Ground do 7	00	Ca	0	00
GUANO58	00	64	0	00
SALT, Fine 1	75	(a	0	00
Do Ground Alum 1	05	(a	1	10
BUTTER, Roll, & B	18	Gu	0	22
Do Firkin 0	12	fai	0	14
BACON, Hog Round 0	093	(at	0	10
Ропк	50	(a	7	00
Lard, in Kegs 0	101	(a	0	11
White Beans 1	25	(a		00
BLACK-EYED PEAS	00	(a.	1	25
HAY 70 100 fbs 0	50	(u.		624

with light receipts and moderate transactions. We note small sales at \$5 for superfine. Extra and

holidays preventing the farmers from sending their crops to market. We note a sale of inferior red wheat at 117c.; good to prime would bring 120c. There were no sales of white, and the quotations for that description are nominal. CORN .- Corn is in very active request, but the

receipts are light, and the millers and distillers are buying up all that comes to market. The lots are into consideration her population and wealth. small, however, and our quotations are not accu-Mrs. Hannah Blake Farnsworth, wife of rate, though prices have considerably advanced.

> in the absence of large transactions, these figure OATS are in demand, and may be quoted at 42c.

The receipts are very light. PORK .- Dressed Hogs are coming to market in very small quantities. The demand continues fair. and we quote \$6.75@ \$7.00 7 100 lbs.

## The Markets.

Baltimore, Jan. 3.—Flour is dull; Howard | -Nat Int. street and Ohio \$56a \$5.125, without finding buyers. Wheat—the demand is good; white is firm, at 1306r 145c, for good to prime; red 1196a 125c. Corn is quiet; sales of white at 696a 71c; yellow Oats are buoyant: Pennsylvania 476a 48e.: Maryland 436a 45c. Rye is quiet; Pennsy Provisions-the Pork market is firm. Sugars and Molasses are quiet, and prices are unchanged. Coffee is in good demand.

New York, Jan. 3 .- Flour is firmer: State \$1 .-20(a \$4.50; Ohio \$5.40(a \$5.55; Southern unchanged at \$4.50(a \$4.75. Wheat is firm; ted 115 (a 120c.; Western white, 130c. Corn is quiet; mixed 77(a/78c.; new white 76]. Pork is dull: old mess \$17; new \$17.60 Lard quiet at 11460 11gc. Whiskey is active at 2416a25c. Stocks are dull and heavy. Cumberland Coal Co. 20,

The Cincinnati Gazette of Friday, says :-Operations in the Hog market were entirely sus pended, owing to the unfavorable weather. The temperature being up to 60 degrees packers would, of course, do nothing in the way of cutting, and owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the trade, do not care to buy in advance.

they do not care to buy in advance.

Holders, aware of all this, are not offering. Primay, therefore, be called nominal, at \$6.25(a) Live Hogs, averaging 200 and upwards, would have brought the latter figure, deliverable in good weather. The receipts comprised about 3,000

No business was done in New York on Saturday, and the evening issue of all the papers was suspended. The Journal of Commerce of Friday eve-

Notwithstanding the severe storm, the old year goes out with a smiling face and a screne atmosphere in the commercial world, in striking contrast with the gloomy frowns that attended the exhibit of its predecessor. Every one is buoyant with hope, and the new year seems full of promise."

The New York Commercial remarks upon the foreign dry-goods market: "Importers are waiting for further arrivals of fancy goods to complete the assertment for Spring. Judging from the manifests as to the amount of the importation for the present week, the aggregate importation of dry-goods for the month now closing, will be about two-thirds of the importation for the corresponding month in 1856. It will be in excess of December, 1857, but the importations of

the wants of the country in ordinary seasons. Inspection of Flour at Richmond for the second

quarter ending 31st December, 1858; 2,013 barrels Family. 4.860 barrels Extra Superfine. 180,064 barrels Superfine,

9,911 half barrels Superfine, 4.709 barrels Fine. 21,460 barrels Middlings, 1,415 barrels Condemned,

D. S. DELAPLANE, Inspector. We notice an advance of 1 cent per aere in land warrants, with a fair demand. We quote: 120 acres.....

FOR CONGRESS -We are authorized to announce Henry Shackelford, esq., as a candidate to represent the Seventh Congressional District, in the next Congress. nov 15-tf

TO We are authorized to announce Dr. J. B. GRAYSON, a candidate to represent the District of Stafford, King George, and Prince William, in the Senate of Virginia, subject to the ratification of a District Convention. PRINCE WILLIAM. District Convention. nov 11-cotf

TOTICE .- Our accounts will be ready for de-IN livery January 1st, and we solicit from our friends prompt settlements, dec 30 G. K. WITMER & BROS. HOUSE SERVANTS FOR HIRE, for the ensuing year. Apply to dee 25-dtf. J. K. MARSHALL.

A Reminiscence. In an article in the Journal of Commerce taken from a paper published in 1833, the writer, John Pintard, esq., says:

"Indulge the natural propensity of one 'fallen into the sere and yellow leaf" to conclude these remarks with an anecdote, for the authenticity of which he pledges his veracity. General Washington, in the first year of his Presidency, under the new Constitution in 1789; resided in the Franklin House, at the head of Cherry street. On New Year's Day. 1790, he was waited upon by the principal gentlemen of the city; the day was uncommonly mild and pleasant. After introduction and paying the usual compliments of the season, the citizens mutually interchanged their kind greetings, and retired highly gratified by a friendly notice of the President, to most of whom he was personally a stranger. In the evening Mrs. Washington held her levee. It was about full moon, and the air so bland that the ladies attended in their light summer shades. Introduced by the aids and gentlemen in waiting, after taking their seats, tea, coffee, plain and plum cake were served round. Familiar and friendly conversation ensued, and kind inquires, on the part of Mrs. Washington, after the families of the exiles, with whom she had been acquainted during the Revolutionary war, and who always received marked attention from General Washington. Standing at the side of the President, near to Mrs Washington, she remarked of all the incidents of the day none so pleased the General,-by which distinction shealways named him, as the warm, friendly greetings of vessels cleared at the port of Richmond for the gentlemen who had visited him at noon foreign ports. Of this number five were brigs. On inquiring whether it was easual or customtwo ships, pone barque and one schooner. The ary, he was answered that it was an annual total tonnage of these vessels was 3323; and the | custom, transmitted by our early Dutch forefathers, and always commemorated. After a pause, he observed, "That the highly favored position of New York will, in process of years, attract numerous immigrants, who will gradually change its ancient manners and customs,-but whatever change may take place, never give up the cordial, cheerful observance of New Year's day." A remark that made an indelible impression on the mind of the narrator, and which, at this distance of time, is recorded in the Mirror, to preserve it if possible from total oblivion. Amid the social chit chat of the company, the Hall clock struck nine. Mrs. Washington, an undersized and rater portly personage, plain in her attire, rose with great dignity, looking complacently around the circle, observed, "the General always retires at nine, and I usually precede him." At this signal the ladies instantly rose, adjusted their dresses and, after paying their respects retired."

## Banks and Banking.

From official statistics it appears that the suppression of the United States bank in 1836 instantly raised the circulation of bank notes from \$103,000,000 to \$140,000,000. In 1840 the Subtreasury was established by law, and continued until 1841, without any sensible diminution in the amount of paper currency. It was repealed in that year, and the paper money in circulation fell to \$58,000,000. 1847 the Subtreasury, or rather "the hardmoney treasury." was re-enacted, and the cir culation of bank notee ross from \$90,000,000 WHEAT,-In Wheat there is little doing. The to \$105,000,000. And during the whole nine years of its continuance that species of circulation has increased to \$204,000,000; that is, it has much more than doubled. Such is the effect of Federal legislation against

bank notec. In 1830 the anti-bank mania began to spread. It continued to rage until, in 1836, the United States Bank expired, during which period the number of banks more than doubed, and the amount of capital nearly trebled. Within this period the Democratic panaceas were applied, namely, the removal of the de-Chancellor Farnsworth, and Vice-Regent for RYE.—The receipts of Rye are small, while posites, the specie circular, and the pet bank system, which policy culminated in 1840, apital \$363,000,000. From 1840 to 1845 the country was partially relieved from the control of financial empiries and charlatans .-The banks decreased by three hundred in number, and their capital was reduced nearly one-half. During the next period of ten years the bank-hating policy had perfect sway .-That policy has more than doubled the number of banks, and nearly doubled their capital.

# Disasters on the Western Rivers.

The St. Louis Democrat contains a statement, carefully prepared by a gentleman conversant with the subject, of the principal disasters which have occurred on the Western rivers during the year 1858. The following is a recapitulation of the details given:

Steamboats sunk..... Do. burnt .... Estimated number of lives lost by these Estimated value of property lost by the 

I.O.O.F. The Executive Committee of POTOMAC LODGE, No. 38, 1.0.0.F., respectfully inform the friends of that Order, that there will be a GRAND BALL, (in aid TUESDAY EVENING, January 11th, 1859. In making this announcement, they pledge them-lives that no effort shall be wanting to render it

The Roll" of the season. A CELEBRATED COTILLION BAND will be present. Zer Tickets \$1.50, to be had of either of the

Managers. Refreshments furnished the Ladies. Hats or Caps cannot be worn in the room.

Carriages will be provided for the Ladies. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-(Scarlet Resettes,) Hugh Latham. | C. Schafer, Wesley Avery, | J. T. Close. A. D. Warfield, D. G. Watkins. COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION—(Blue Rosette.) eo. Foreman, A. Gibson, B. Hancock, James Gale, Los Williams W. F. Padgett. Committee on Refreshments-( White Rosette.) J. H. Watkins, | John Kidwell, | George Bossart, H. J. Thompson | Nath'l. Hays, | J. H. Pickin. Managers at Large-(Variegated Rosette.)

A. Gibson. Skidmore. A. Sinclair. A. Smith. Robt, I. Smith, J. W. Campbell, Thos. Skinner,

Town, Baggett, F. A. Marbury, R. Robinson, FLOOR MANAGER—(Purple Rosette.) Zer Grand Promenade at 9 o'clock, precisely. Ze. The Carriages will commence running at 6

N would respectfully inform the public that he has taken the store No. 3. Exchange Block, King last year do not, of course, furnish a measure for street, where he will be happy to serve those who will favor him with their patronage. PIANO FORTES of the best make at the lowest Factory prices, selected by himself and scarranted in ever MELODEONS, Violins, Flates, Tro melos, Flutenas, Accordeons, Strings of all kinds Tuning Forks, Bridges, Instruction Books, of different authors, &c., &c. A large stock of SHEET MUSIC, of the latest composition, just received, and any music or article not in store, ordered at the shortest notice, and sent free of postage, at No. 3. Exchange Block, King street, Alexandria. jan 4 B. F. DENNIS.

N OTICE.—WILLIAM II. FOWLE has this day associated with him, his son WILLIAM II. FOWLE, JR., for the transaction of a general Commission business in this city, under the firm of WHLLIAM H. FOWLE & SON. Office for the present at Nos. 57 and 59 King street. ian 1-3awlm

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.—The good Schr. BROADFIELD, is receiving freight. and will positively sail for the above port on the 10th January. For freight or passage, having good commodations, apply to S. G. HAND & Co., jan 3—det No. 101 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore. FOR HIRE.—A MAN SERVANT, young, ac I tive, trusty, and capable of any kind of work; has had several years experience in the care of

horses, and is a first rate carriage driver. He will be hired for the year 1859. Appply at the Gazette Office. TUST RECEIVED from New York, a large consignment of LADIES FURS, which sold extremely low, such as Fitch, Stone Martin, Mink, and Canada Sable. Call and examine JOHN T. EVANS.

## LOCAL ITEMS.

YELLOW CORN .- By reference to our commercial report during last Summer and Fall, and this Winter, it will be seen that the receipts of yellow corn at this place have off, is in a great degree attributable to mers in the region of country trading with Alexandria. Our supply of pure white ity; and is always preferred to that from the upper country, which is generally of a straw olor, and sold as mixed, consequently seldom commanding the price of pure white. Until the construction of the Orange and Alexandria and Manassas Gap Railroads, corn in the counties through and near which these tance and cultivated mostly for farm purposes. too great to make it profitable. For this reason and because it is considered by some that white corn is more prolific than yellow, have the farmers in the counties spoken of, (since the construction of the railroads, and corn has become a crop of primary importance, continued to grow an inferior article, thus causing in this market a great scarcity of mre white and yellow. Nine tenths of the orders received here for corn from the East are for yellow, and as it cannot be obtained, the orders have to be transferred to George town or Baltimore. The soil of Fauquier, Rappahannock, Prince William, Orange, Culpeper, and all that section of country, is peculiarly adapted to the growth of vellow corn. and it is a matter of surprise that the farmers in these counties should have so long neglected its cultivation. Admiting that white corn is more prolific than yellow (which, howcuer many contend is not the case) the higher price obtainable for the latter would more than compensate for the falling off in the yield, the usual difference being from five to | kill. eight cents per bushel in favor of vellow .-We are satisfied, after enquiry of our merchants, that the interest of our agricultural friends would be greatly promoted by giving this subject their prompt attention.

THE COUNTY COURT for this county, Turner Dixon presiding, commenced its quarterly session yesterday. The grand Jury presented indictments against the following persons and were adjourned until this morning at 11 o'clock. Robert Lovelace, for assault and battery, "a true bill," James C. Garrell for illegal voting, "a true bill," Francis Lovejov and Patrick Dovle, for petit larceny, "not a true bill," Horatio McCoy for petit larceny, "a true bill." John Ahern, for receiving stolen goods and knowing them to have been stolen, "a true bill." and David Manly for assault and battery, "a true bill."

Commonwealth vs. David Manly for as saulting Susannah Broadbeck, his mother, in November last. His mother being placed upon the stand as a witness, testified that he did assault her, but that she would forgive him and prayed that the Court would do the same. The case was given to the jury who found the when the number of banks was 907 and their | prisoner guilty and assessed the fine at \$10. onment in the county jail, and until the fine is paid. The Court adjourned until this morn-

Examination for Larceny .-- Louisa Minor, a slave woman, was vesterday morning arrested by officers Davis and Warder on the charge of stealing goods from the store of Mr. J. M. Stewart, several weeks since, and delivered up by the prisoner, who stated that she bought them. Rachael Watson who is confined in jail at present on the charge of larceny, was brought out as a witness in the case, and testified that she was with the prisoner in Mr. Stewart's store, on two different occasions, on each of which she knows the prisoner stole a shawl, and once a piece of merino. The witness also stated that she herself had stolen a shawl and two other pieces of goods on one of the occasions above refer- 000. red to. Another witness stated that she made a dress for Louisa of the merino, but that she came yesterday morning and took it away. The negro's house was searched, but nothing was found to throw any additional light on the subject. The Mayor ordered her to receive thirty-nine lashes at the whipping post, but her owner took an appeal and entered into bonds for her appearance at the February term of the County Court.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL, though doing little, is not wholly at rest. The revenue collected at the Georgetown collection office for the past week was just above one thousand dollars, some of which came from freights on coal. During the month of December the handsome sum of \$10,150 was collected at this office alone. The total revenue of the canal for the year, is about \$165,000; the largest, by \$12,000, ever realized. With Dam No. 4 completed and Dam No. 5 far advanced and firmly built, the prospeets of this important work are brighter than for a long series of years .- Nat. Int.

YOUNG CATHOLICS' FRIEND SOCIETY .- This benevolent association held its seventh annual meeting on Sunday evening last, on which occasion the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year, viz:-James Fitzpatrick, President: Thomas W. Meagher, M. D., Vice President: Patrick H. surer; Christopher C. Semmes, Book Keeper; pshannock County, Va.
Office and residence on Main street, nearly oppo-Stephen Woolls, Steward.

The society has distributed a large amount of clothing to indigent children during the past year, besides creeting the elegant edifice at the corner of Wolfe and Royal streets, for hall and school purposes.

Ball.-The Executive Committee of Potomae Ledge, I. O. O. F., of this city, announce that a grand ball will be given on the 11th inst., in aid of their school fund. See advertisement in another column of to-day's Ga-

DIVIDEND .- The Bank of the Old Domin-

ion has declared a semi-annual dividend of 31 per cent, payable on and after the 15th

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.-JANUARY 4, 1859. THE POTOMAC WATER .- The Water for the was turned into the mains this morning, and COLLECTOR'S SALE.—Will be offered for sale supply of the public buildings and grounds, at 24 o'clock was in full play at the U.S. Capitol. A four-inch jet has been introduced been unsually light, while the demand has into the Capitol grounds, which is calculated toplay 120 feet high, which is some 28 feet been constant and active. This falling higher than thrown by any water works in the country. The jet on Boston Commons the neglect of its cultivation by the far- throws 93 feet high through a six-inch pipe. There is calculated to be about 100,000,000 of gallons of water in the great reservoir above Georgetown, and the supply is augcorn is obtained almost entirely from the mented daily at the rate of from two to three Counties bordering on the Potomac below this | millions of gallons, in all respects adequate to supply the present daily demands from the the highest bidder, the following described TRACTS public buildings now ready to received it.— OF LAND, viz:—
Wash, Star.
The TRACT OF

Poisoner.-The family of Dr. Moxley, near Greenwich, in Prince William county, Va., were poisoned on Friday last, by the cook, who mingled arsenic with the soup. Mrs. roads passed, was a crop of secondary impor- Moxley, mother of Dr. M., died in a short time, after eating the soup, and several other members of the family were ill. Some of the within half a mile of this land. the cost of transporting it to market being members of the family were ill. Some of the servants also partook of the poisoned food, and are among the sufferers. The woman has been arrested .- Va. Sen.

Washington City.-Mr. John Sessford has published in the National Intelligencer his annual statement of the improvements, &c., in the city of Washington. During the past year 260 new dwellings have been erected. The city is increasing in wealth, business, and population. As the appropriations for the public buildings are liberal, the prosperity of Washington will doubtless con-

New Year's day in Washington, was far less chargeable with disorder than might have been expected. The chief trouble, occurred in the afternoon, in the First Ward, where the police were compelled to put nine disturbers in the guard-house, all of whom were fined, and two of them were finally held for bail at court, and a third, named Phelos. though he escaped, has a charge lying against him of assault on officer Daw with intent to

CHURCH FESTIVAL .- Saturday last, the 1st of January, was celebrated by the members of the Catholic Church, as the "Feast of the Circumcision." Services were held at St. Mary's Church at 7 and 10 A. M., and 31 P. M., by the Rev. Peter Kroes, Pastor, assisted by Rev. Edmund Young, of Georgetown Col-

HIRING IN WARRENTON,-The prices paid for servants in Warrenton, on New Year's Day show a slight advance on the prices of previous years. This was, in part, owing to the falling off in the number for hire. Farm hands hired for from \$100 to \$140; Railroad hands as high as \$150-insurance and \$1 P month to themselves. Women hired at \$50(a.\$75, and girls at \$25(a.\$50; boys from \$50 6a.\$100.

CONCERT.—The concert of Messrs, Foertsch, Dawson and Sofge and Miss Young, postponed on Thursday evening last, on account of the weather, will take place to-morrow evening. Of the Musical powers of the lady and gentlemen, we have before spoken.

Snow -As now storm from the north-east set in yesterday afternoon, which continued up to the hour of our going to press.

Mayor Berret, of Washington, invites meeting of all citizens, in their respective wards, on Wednesday evening, to adopt measures for the relief of the suffering poor.

From the 1st of January to the 31st of December, 1858, the Clerk of the Hustings Court of the city of Richmond, issued one hundred and eighty-six marriage licenses. During due notice will be given.

B. T. CHINN, Agent, the same period, the Clerk of the county of examined before the Mayor. Two shawls of Henrico issued one hundred and eighty-three the value of thirteen or fourteen dollars were marriage licenses. So that there were but three more marriages in Richmond during last year, than in the county of Henrico.

There are now in Washington, delegates well as the neat and plain styles of PIANOS from three unorganized Territories, to wit:-Dacotah, Arizona, and Sierra Nevada; and a fourth is expected from Calona. Their object is to procure the organization of territorial governments for the several Territories they

J. H. Cannon has contracted to clean the streets of Norfolk, Va., during 1859, for \$3,-

CONCERT! CONCERT!! MR. FOERTSCH takes pleasure in announcing M that he has secured the services of those eninent VOCALISTS.

Mrs. CECELIA YOUNG and Mr. J. B. DAWSON, In connection with that Prince of Violinists, PROF. FERDINAND F. SOFGE. And will give a CONCERT, at SAREPTA HALL, On Wednesday Night next, 5th inst. To those who are familiar with the abilities of the above named performers, it would be superfluous to say anything in commendation of their musical powers, but as they are not so generally known

in our community, he will say that he hopes to present such a bill, as is rarely given to an Alexandria audience. 23 Tickets 50 cents, which may be had at Geo. E. French's Bookstore, J. H. Parrott's Music Store, and H. B. Whittington's Fancy Store. For further particulars, see programme. jan 4-2t

T AND FOR SALE .-- 400 ACRES OF LAND I is offered for sale in Fairfax County, Va., adjoining the thriving village of Accotink. It is in first rate Timber and wood of original growth, which, standing, will bring \$2 a cord, clear of the timber. Adjoining this property is a Grist, Mer-chant, and Saw Mill, all in successful operation, and Accotink Creek, which is at all times navigable for long boats of the largest size. The Acco tink and Mount Vernon Turnpike, which is now being built, runs through a portion of it, making it about eight miles from Alexandria.

This land will be divided into lots of not less than a hundred acres, and any one wishing to purchase will please address me, at Accotink, Fairfax F. CHICHESTER. County, Va.

### J. W. McGEE. DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY,

WARRENTON, I'A, MONTINUES to perform all operations belonging to the Dental profession in the most satisfactory manner, at moderate rates. Doctor McGee may be found at home at any time. except from the second to the third Monday in each Hanraham, Secretary; John Laphen, Trea- month, which time will be spent at Flint Hill, Rap-

> site the Warrenton House. Warrenton, jan 1-eoly NEW ORLEANS SUGAR AND MOLASSES.— We are shortly expecting the Brig Georgia,

450 hogsheads SUGAR 300 barrels MOLASSES.

and the District markets, and is represented to be It will be offered at public anction on arrival, of which due notice will be given.

of for hire a number of likely SERVANTS, Men, omen, Boys, and Girls, among them an excellent Gardener, and several excellent House Servants, unencumbered. Any one wishing to hire the Servants can see them by applying at Bush Hill, Fairfax County, on

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. VIRGINIA SCOTT. Bush Hill, Fairfax Co., dec 28-4t

# AUCTION SALES.

eash, at the carriage warehouse lately occ Bowen, Berlin & Peake, corner of King and Henry streets, a new FAMILY CARRIAGE, levied on to satisfy tax bill due City Council of Alexandria. Va., for year 1858, by Bowen, Berlin & Penke. JOHN A. FIELD,

Collector Northern District

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF LAND.-BY J virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fair fax County, pronounced at its June term, 1858, in case of J. C. Gunnell, vs. Robert Kirby, and D. H Wheeler, we shall, on Monday, the 17th January west, (Court day,) in front of the Court house of said County, offer at public auction, a The TRACT OF LAND belonging to the sold

Robert Kirby, situated on Pohick Creek, in Fairfax

County, and containing 276 ACRES. It has upon Farm. The Creek is navigable up to this land. Also, a TRACT OF LAND belonging to the said R. H. Wheeler, situated also on said Pohick Creek, and containing 232 ACRES. It has upon it a good

TERMS OF SALE.—One-tenth of the purchase money will be required in hand as a deposit, liable to be forfeited upon the failure of the purchaser to comply with the terms of Sale, and the residue in three intalments, at six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, and a tention of the title until the whole of the purchase money shall be paid.

CHRISPOPHER NEALE. THOMAS J. MURRAY. | Comm'rs WILLIAM H. DULANY, of Sale ALFRED MOSS. Fairfax county, dec 18-eots

FAIRFAX FARM FOR SALE. -In pursu A ance of decrees of the Circuit Court of Fair fax County, pronounced at its June term, 1857, June term 1858, and November, 1858, in the suit of Robert R. Daniel's Committee, vs. Richard N. Daniel, &c., I will offer at public sale at Fairfax Cour House, on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1859 (Court day,) the TRACT OF LAND formerly be longing to Stephen Daniel, dec'd., and known a Turner's old place, containing 328 ACRES. Said farm is situated about 3 miles south-west of the Court House, and adjoining the lands of Shied and others. A large portion of the tract is in valuable Timber, for which there is a great demand. It lies convenient to the Railroad, is of fair quality, and

has upon it tolerably fair improvements. TERMS OF SALE, -One-tenth of the purchamoney to be paid down as a deposit, liable to for feiture on failure to comply with the terms of saie on its confirmation by the Court; the residue in three equal instalments of 3, 5, and 7 years, with interest from date, payable annually, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with good security, the land liable to be resold on a failure to meet de ferred payments, and the title to be retained untithe purchase money is paid.

J. C. GUNNELL, Commissioner

Fairfax county, nov 29-wts

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALUABLE LAND.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, rendered at its June term. 1858, in the suit of Thomas Coffer and others, ve P. A. Stryker and others, I shall, on Monday, 17th day of January, 1859, in front of the Cour House, sell to the highest bidder, the TRACT OF LAND at present occupied by Augustus Rhodes, lying about one and a half miles north of Fairfax Court House, and adjoining the lands of Charle Sutton, Cornelius White, and others, and contain ing 200 ACRES. This land is of fine quality

other buildings.
Terms of sale, as prescribed by the decree: — One tenth of the purchase money in hand, the balance in six twelve and eighteen months, with intereson the deferred payments from the day of sale; the title to be retained until the deferred payments are made: the purchaser to give bonds for the deferred payments, and the cash payment to be forfeited it

the purchaser fails to comply with the terms of sair THOS. MOORE, Comm'r. Fairfax County, Va., dec 11-cots VERY CHEAP FARM FOR SALE.-183 A ACRES OF LAND-good red soil, well wooded with Oak, Hickory, and Pine-comfortable HOUSE; good enclosures; never failing stream of water on one side of the farm, and bounded on the other side by a public road, about a mile from the Independent Line of the Manassas Gap Rail road, where wood enough might be sold to pay for the Farm, without any inconvenience or injury to

This farm can be purchased for two thousand dollars eash, by making early application to B. T. CHINN, Agent. Near Groveton, Prince William Co The above FARM will be sold at public anction, for cash, at Sudley Mills, on Wednesday, the 5th day of Jennary next. If previously sold,

Prince William County, dec 18-eots CHICKERING & SONS' PIANOS.—The subof PIANOS. His stock, always the largest in the

city, embraces the most elegant and elaborate, as every variety of scale, from the unrivalled factory of Chickering & Sons. Also, Pianos of excellent tone and beautiful fin ish by other approved Boston and New York man-

Second hand Pianos received in exchange, Good second hand Pianos for sale low. Pianos for hire. The subscriber will sell Pianos much lower than

they can be bought in Boston or New York, Additional supplies will be received in a few RICHARD DAVIS Washington, jan 1-3t THEDMONT ACADEMY-Rec. F. M. ED

WARDS, Principal.—The exercises of this school will be resumed on the Second Monday in January, 1859. Spacious and comfortable apar ments; a good apparatus for illustrating the Natural Sciences: thorough instruction in Classical and Mathematical, as well as the English Branches of Education, together with the unremitting care on the part of the Principal to the moral and physical well being of pupils, commend this School as one worthy the consideration of parents. One handred and sixty dollars pays for ten months Board and Tuition. Full information given, by circulars, upon application to the Principal,

The health of the place is uprivalled. REFERENCES:-Rev. Wm, B. Edwards, D. D., Georgetown; Rev. L. F. Morgan, D. D., Washing ton : George W. Lewis, esq., Oak Grove, Va.; and Patrons of the School generally. F. M. EDWARDS, Piedmont Station.

Manassas Gap Railroad, Fauquier Co., Va. dec 21-cotf VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE, -The valuable FARM of the late C. C. Taliaferro, de-

ceased, in Culpeper County, is offered for sale, pri-

vately. This Farm is on the Rapidan River, as

joining the Rapidan Station, Orange and Alexan dria Railroad-the Station being only a few hun dred yards from the dwelling house and barn. It contains 630 ACRES, is highly productive, situated in a beautiful country, and surrounded by a most desirable neighborhood. The BUILD

Terms accommodating. Any information in re-lation to the Farm may be had by application to the subscriber, or to the following persons:-Robi A. Mayo, esq., Dr. F. W. Roddy, Richmond Dr. A. Taliaferro, Culpeper Court House, or Dr. H. D. Talinferro, Orange Court House. LAW. H. TALIAFERRO

Rapiden Station, Culpeper Co., sep 11-2awti NOTICE.—Proposals are hereby invited for re-paving King street, from the foot thereof to the western line of the Corporation, and in connec-

tion therewith for grading between the Wharf sar a point mid-way between Fairfax and Royal streets Bids will be received for renaving, according to the present plan of the street, without disturbing the gutters more than may be necessary, and also a reduced width in carriage way of thirty four feet, with an addition of four feet to the footway on each side. All materials to be furnished by the contra-For plans and specifications, bidders are referred to Mr. John T. Armstrong, one of the committee, who will furnish all information that may be desired. All bids to be sent through the Post This cargo has been selected especially for this Office, on or before the 10th of January ensuing, scaled and addressed to the "Committee on Streets." JAMES H. REID, Chairman.

dec 14-3mw3w SERVANTS FOR HIRE.—The subscriber has for hire a number of likely SERVANTS, Men. Women, Boys, and Girls, among them an excel-VANTS, two for Chambermaids and two Washerwomen, for which a liberal price will be paid SAMUEL HEFLEBOWER.

nov 17-tf City Hotel, Alex's., Va WOOL PURCHASED at the highest cash

prices, by HILL, BROWN, & PARTLOW.